



Alaska Board of Dental Examiners

Annual Newsletter

for July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

The Board of Dental Examiners is pleased to issue the FY 2005 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005) Annual Newsletter. The newsletter highlights the activities and focus of the board during the previous fiscal year. As required by law, finalized disciplinary actions will be briefly described. The Dental Board appreciates your interest and would like to hear from you regarding future topics for the newsletter.

Board Membership

Please note there is one board member whose term will expire March 1, 2006. If you are interested in applying to serve on the Board of Dental Examiners, contact the Governor's office at:

Boards and Commissions
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001
(907) 465-3500

In addition, we encourage you to visit the Boards and Commissions' web site, which includes specific information on how to apply for a board, at:
www.gov.state.ak.us/boards

Board Members

Term Expires

Gregory Gurse, Public Member - Anchorage	March 1, 2009
Mary Cerney, RDH, Secretary - Fairbanks	March 1, 2007
Dr. David Eichler – North Pole	March 1, 2007
Dr. William Gerace, Vice Chairman - Anchorage	March 1, 2009
Dr. Kevin Gottlieb – Anchorage	March 1, 2006
Vicki Hauff, RDH - Anchorage	March 1, 2009
Dr. Arne Pihl – Ketchikan	March 1, 2007
Dr. Rebecca Neslund – Kodiak	March 1, 2009
Dr. Robert Warren, Chairman - Anchorage	March 1, 2007

Division Staff and Personnel Changes

The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing has lost two valuable employees this past year.

Barbara Gabier, Chief, retired after 30 years of service with the State of Alaska. Barb is looking forward to more travel and hunting trips with her family.

Wanda Fleming, Licensing Examiner, also retired after 30 years of service to the State. Wanda was the Licensing Examiner for the Board of Dental Examiners since 1999, and she will be deeply missed by them.

Current Division staff for the Board of Dental Examiners include:

Brenda Donohue, Licensing Examiner – Juneau
Judy Weske, Records and Licensing Supervisor
Margaret McQuaid, Investigator – Anchorage

Division Name Change

The Division's name has changed to the "Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing" to reflect the transfer of the Corporations Section to the division.

Board Meetings

- March 23-24, 2006 – Juneau
- June 23-24, 2006 - Anchorage

Meetings are public noticed and meeting information may be accessed through the web site address of www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ. Click on "meeting notices".

Board meetings are open to the public and the board encourages participation from the public. Each quarterly meeting has a scheduled “public comment” period so your views can be presented directly to the board. Contact the licensing examiner to schedule your appearance. Additionally, you can write, fax, or e-mail the board on any subject by addressing your remarks to the licensing examiner. Commenting on proposed regulations is limited to the comment period provided by public notice.

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Division Locations

The Division has two offices: one located in Juneau and the other located in Anchorage. The Licensing Examiner is located in the Juneau office and the Investigator is located in the Anchorage office. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Juneau Office

State Office Building
333 Willoughby Avenue
9th Floor

Anchorage Office

Atwood Building
550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1500

Online Services

State of Alaska web sites contain information on almost all State Government affairs. The State of Alaska home page can be viewed at www.state.ak.us/.

The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing can be accessed at www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ. This web site allows visitors to purchase business licenses, conduct business license searches, occupational license searches, download lists of license holders, and view public notices. This site also provides entry onto the Board of Dental Examiners' homepage. Dentist and Dental Hygiene applications and renewals, as well as Board meeting schedules and disciplinary actions, can be downloaded from the homepage.

Budget

The Dental Board spent \$158,800.00 and received \$391,500.00 in fiscal year 2005 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005). The expenditure breakdown is as follows:

Personal Services	\$88,400.00
Travel Expenses	\$11,500.00
Contractual Services	\$57,000.00
Supplies	\$1,900.00
Equipment	\$0.00

The Dental Board collects revenue from licensure application fees, initial licensing fees, renewals, verification of licensure, duplicate licenses, copies of certified files, name changes, wall certificates and course approval applications. No outside funding is received.

The Division, prior to the renewal of dental or dental hygiene licenses, reviews the board's budget to determine if the licensing fees will need to be increased or decreased. During this past year, the fees for dentists and dental hygienists were not increased.

Renewals

Dental licenses will expire December 31, 2006, and dental hygienist licenses expire December 31, 2005. License renewal forms will be mailed within 60 days of the expiration date to the most recent address on file.

When you receive your renewal application, please take time to read and complete the application in its entirety. Incomplete renewals will not be processed.

PLEASE NOTE: – If you have an address change, you must notify this office of the change so that your renewal can be sent to the correct address. You may notify this office of your address change in writing, by fax, (907) 465-2974, or through e-mail to: brenda_donohue@commerce.state.ak.us. We do not accept verbal address changes.

For a name change, complete the “Change of Name” form located on the division's website. There is a \$5.00 fee to change your name. Upon receipt of a completed form, a certified true copy of the certificate evidencing the name change, and the

\$5.00 fee a new license will be issued with your new name.

License statistics in the State of Alaska as of June 30, 2005:

Dentists – Active	563
Dentists – Inactive.....	62
Dentists – Specialty	89
Dentists – General Anesthetic Permit -.....	23
Dentists – Parenteral Sedation Permit	37
Branch Office Permit	26
Dental Hygienist – Active	465
Dental Hygienist – Inactive	40
Local Anesthetic Permit.....	384

Continuing Education

DENTIST – completion of at least 28 contact hours of continuing education (12 AAC 28.400(a)(1) and(2).

DENTAL HYGIENIST – completion of at least 14 contact hours of continuing education (12 AAC 28.400(b)(1) and (2).

The continuing education hours required for renewal of an active dentist license or an active dental hygiene license may include no more than four hours of CPR training for the entire renewal period (12 AAC 28.410(c)).

A licensee may obtain all continuing education hours from self-study programs offered by a dental or dental hygiene college or university, the AGD, or the ADA that have been approved by the board (12 AAC 28.410(a)(4)).

As a reminder, Continuing Education **SUBJECT MATTER MUST RELATE DIRECTLY TO DENTAL PATIENT CLINICAL CARE 12 AAC 28.410(a).**

Continuing Education Audit Process

A licensee selected for the continuing education audit will be sent a letter from the licensing examiner requesting copies of certificates documenting the hours claimed for the applicable licensing period. Licensees will be given 30 days to respond to the audit letter.

You must retain your original certificates documenting continuing education for at least four

years from the date of completion of the continuing competency activity or until you have been notified of completion of the continuing education audit (if selected for such audit).

Licensees selected for the audit must provide:

- Copies of actual continuing education certificates awarded for the hours claimed within the applicable licensing period that relate directly to dental patient clinical care. A listing of courses taken is not acceptable.

Courses not approved by the board have been management classes, HIPPA classes, and OSHA classes.

The board will review completed audits at a regularly scheduled meeting. Licensees who pass the audit will be notified by letter. Please be aware that a computer program randomly selects licensees for audit and due to the random nature of selection, licensees may be audited for multiple renewal cycles.

At its June 25-26, 2004 meeting, the board set the following guidelines to use if a person does not comply with the continuing education audit:

If a licensee is unable to supply proof within 30 days of receiving an audit notice, they will be fined up to a maximum of \$5,000 composed of two elements 1) \$2,000 for falsification of records and 2) \$200 per credit hour they are lacking and that they will need to complete the deficit hours within three months and those hours are not applicable to the next two renewal periods 3) that there is a mandatory subsequent audit for the next two renewal periods 4) there is an automatic reprimand on their license and 5) there is a license suspension if the required documentation and fines are not paid within 60 days.

Disciplinary Actions

Dr Kathinka L. White – Seward

June 24, 2005 – License on Suspension – Conditions apply

To receive further information regarding disciplinary actions contact the Division.

Investigations

The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing Investigation Unit obtains information through complaints as well as a variety of other sources. A careful examination of the information is conducted to ascertain whether a violation of statute or regulation has occurred. If it appears as though a violation has occurred, a case is opened. All cases that require “profession related” expertise will be brought to individual board members or other professional experts for review, opinion and guidance. Once sufficient information is obtained, past history of the board in similar cases is considered and a determination is made as to the course of action. If it is determined that licensing action is required, an attempt is made to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the respondent. If an agreement cannot be reached, an Accusation will be filed usually resulting in a hearing. In some cases, the respondent chooses to sign a Voluntary Surrender. The board must review all agreements, surrenders and proposed decisions by the Hearing Officer.

To file a complaint, contact the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing at the Anchorage office, or email: investigations@commerce.state.ak.us. The Investigator for the Dental Board is Margaret McQuaid (907) 269-8184.

Dental/Dental Hygiene News

Code of Ethics Information

The Board of Dental Examiners would like to remind all dentists and dental hygienists that they are to adhere to their Code of Ethics in accordance with 12 AAC 28.905 – Ethical Standards.

Automatic External Defibrillators

At a recent meeting with Dr. Stan Malamed, he challenged the board to encourage introduction of legislation that makes AEDs a legally mandated piece of equipment required in every dental office in Alaska. The board understands the importance of AEDs, however, they do not believe the equipment should be mandated by regulation. Having taken that stand, however, it is strongly suggested and advised that dental practices consider using such equipment, as they have been shown to greatly increase survival rates.

Dental Radiological Equipment

A dentist may not use, or allow a person under the dentist’s supervision to use, dental radiological equipment in this state unless the owner or lessee of the equipment has registered the equipment’s control panel with the board and the control panel displays a seal indicating that it has been registered. For each registered control panel, the board shall issue to the owner or lessee a registration seal that indicates that the registration requirement has been met.

The board shall require that inspection of dental radiological equipment occur once within every six (6) calendar years and require that records concerning the inspection be provided to the board by the owner or lessee of the equipment and kept on file where the equipment is located. A dentist may not use, or allow a person under the dentist’s supervision to use, dental radiological equipment in this state after the date on the most recent inspection seal.

Dental radiological equipment means equipment for use in the practice of dentistry, consisting of a control panel and associated tube heads, if the equipment emits electronic product radiation, as defined in AS 18.60.545, or uses radionuclides, as defined in AS 18.60.545.

NOTE: The owner or lessee of dental radiological equipment shall notify the board in writing if the equipment is sold, relocated, or no longer in use. The new owner of the equipment must complete a Radiological Equipment Registration form and submit it to the board so that a new registration number can be issued.

Radiological Equipment Registration forms are available on the Division’s web site, or by contacting the licensing examiner.

Regulations

There were no regulations that became effective during the past year.

The board’s regulations for streamlining the application process for dentists and dental hygienists became effective January 22, 2004. These regulations now require that all licensees – dentists and dental hygienists submit a Professional background Information Services Credential Review (PBIS) report. This is for all

applicants applying for licensure by examination and/or credentials. There are two levels of examination for dentists and dental hygienists.

Level II Report – Required of those applicants who currently hold or have held a dental and/or dental hygiene license in a jurisdiction before the 90 days immediately preceding the date of application, and of those applicants who are applying for licensure by credentials.

Level III Report – Required of those applicants who have not previously held a dental and/or dental hygiene license in any jurisdiction before the 90 days immediately preceding the date of application.

New Licenses Issued July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

Licensure of Dentists by Examination

Eric Nordstrom
James Penfield
Emily Vober Reeves
Heather Sulte
Mandrea Stebbins
Deepinder Grewal
Jared Erickson
Nolan Davis
Bryan Hirst
Isaac Lines
William Richardson
Eric Mack
Jonathan Woller
Melissa Wages
Alicia Adkins
Stephen Ericksen
Paul Anderson
Darin Anderson
Julie Veerman
David Spencer
Gregory Harr
Clinton Henrie
Brett Keeler
Scott Petersen
Benjamin Thornal
Matthew West

Licensure of Dentists by Credentials

Daniel Long
Russell Woodson
James Halliday Jr.
Orest Karkacz
Kathinka White

Mary Elizabeth Williard
James Hardison
Christopher Fearon
Sheila Vacendak
Matthew Welch
Jennifer Boehm
Todd Christensen
Debora Herrick
Charles Phillips
Joseph Vargas

Dental Hygienist by Examination

Lucy Hagberg
Noi Phonphan
Amanda Nelson
Sara McCarthy
Rochelle Juszczak
Syed Ahmed
Michelle Maddox
Marti Seeliger
Crystal Sutton
William Tudor
Jill O'Reilly
Regan Hamey
Natalie Carlson
Karina Gall
Camiel Hull
Diedre O'Neill
Donna Smith
Carly Thomas
Ruth VanBlankenstein
Lisa Wells
Mary Wasche

Dental Hygienist by Credentials

Heidi Henrie
Heather Reed
Paula Griswold
Deborah Connor
Tiffany Gouveia
Sarah Berg
Emily Zeman